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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

ENTRY AND CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The Japanese references disclosed herewith were first cited in any communication by a foreign patent office (i.e. by the Japanese Patent Office) in counterpart Japanese application no. JP 2005-065001 on May 20, 2008, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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CONCLUSION

As the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97(d) have been met, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner now enter and consider this IDS.

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